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## LEXINGTON PEOPLE HEAR WORLD FAMED SINGER

Signor Ciccolini in Tone-Test Concert With Edison Phonograph is Superb.

The tone-test concert given last Thursday night at the Grand Theatre by the Edison phonograph people, represented in Lexington by Westerman & Barnett, gave the audience the most beautiful singing ever heard in this city. If Signor Ciccolini had included a group of English songs, he would more nearly have approximated the taste of those who heard him, and would perhaps, thereby, have received a less unenthusiastic response; but the artist was by the nature of the concert compelled to sing only those numbers of which he had made records, and as he is preeminently an opera singer, his recorded work is naturally of a kind in which he excels. Another point to be taken into consideration is the restraint which must continually be observed by the artist while singing with the reproducing disc, and the mezza voce effect made thereby might mislead some in the audience to underestimate the singer's freedom of tone and volume of power—in just this connection we are certain that more than one listener wished the Signor might forget his machine and let us hear one phrase sung as if he were supported by a full orchestra.

The cellist, Mr. Joe Glockner, was also an artist of no small account, and his instrument proved a more adaptable tone to that of the disc than the vocal example. As to the recreating of the tone in each case, one feature invariably betrayed the identity of each—that of volume of sound. The synchronism also was at times imperfect, which was no fault of the instrument, but for actual tone reproduction the Edison is a marvel, escaping perfection only by the actual absence of the soul quality of the human voice.

Taking the concert as a whole, even tho it was called merely a tone-test, Lexington people appreciate the enterprise and generosity of Messrs Westerman and Barnett in giving them an opportunity to judge for themselves of the Edison's merits

## Death of Christian Walk.

Christian Walk, a well known and respected citizen of Lexington, died Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock a. m. at his home, 2010 Franklin Avenue. Mr. Walk had been in poor health for some time. On the 30th of October he had an operation for hernia, the recovery from which was retarded by heart trouble. He had been confined to his bed since last Saturday.

Mr. Walk was born in Lexington, February 27, 1856, and was 61 years of age. He was married to Miss Emma Hainkel of this city, January 19, 1881, who with two children, Mrs. Robert Stallings, of this city, and Albert Walk, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, survive. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. John Bartlett, of Denver, Colorado, and four brothers, Adam, Jacob, John and William, all of Pueblo, Colorado.

Mr. Walk had been an employee of the Winkler Furniture Company for seven years and of the Missouri Pacific railroad for nineteen years. After he left the railroad he engaged in the saloon business at the corner of Main and 10th streets.

Mr. Walk had lived his whole life in Lexington and was known by everyone. He was a generous and kind hearted man, and will be missed, not only by the immediate members of his family, but by many who were recipients of his bounty.

The funeral services conducted by Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, were held at the Trinity Evangelical church, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with these

## Death of an Infant.

Mary Frances Odell, the 9-months old daughter of Mrs. Bessie Odell, died at 1 o'clock Monday morning at the home of J. C. Stapleton, 1811 Railroad street, after an illness of twenty-four hours of pneumonia.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. Robert L. Cowan, were held at the Stapleton home at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

and to enjoy two such excellent artists.

The evening's entertainment was further enhanced by a superb motion picture, "Under Handicap."

## Wise-Bates.

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Bates, daughter of Dr. Geo. W. Bates, county clerk of Lafayette county, to Mr. J. Blaine Wise of Marianna, Pa., took place Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Methodist church.

A color scheme of green and white was elaborately carried out in altar decorations of Southern smilax, ferns, and palms, and in the costuming of the bridal party.

Preceding the ceremony a short program of vocal music was given by Mrs. G. H. Bates, who sang "Beloved it is Morn;" and "Promise and Until" sung by Mrs. Worth Bates, Miss Jo Hinesely accompanied at the organ and also played the wedding music.

The ushers were the three brothers of the bride, Messrs G. H. Barrett and Griffith Bates, and her cousin, Mr. Worth Bates.

As matron of honor, the bride's sister, Mrs. Frank L. Davis, of St. Louis, dressed in green, followed the ushers to the altar rail, and was followed by Miss Wise, in white, a sister of the groom, as maid of honor. Both wore the short English veils.

Little Josephine Scarlett and Frank L. Davis, Jr., were ring bearers, each carrying a ring as the double service was used.

The bride, gowned in white, with court train and full length veil entered on the arm of her eldest brother, who gave her away. She carried a cornucopia bouquet of bride's roses and sweet alyssum, and as a single ornament wore a diamond and platinum pin, the gift of the groom.

Mr. Wise was attended as best man by Dr. Frank L. Davis of St. Louis.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. R. N. Allen of Independence, Mo., who read the entire marriage ritual, and, while the contracting parties still knelt, Mrs. G. H. Bates sang "Benediction." The Mendelssohn wedding march ushered the party from the church.

A short reception was tendered the bridal party, family and out of town guests at the home of Dr. Bates immediately after the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise left for the east and after stopping at different points of interest will be at home at Marianna, Pa.

The bride was reared and educated in Lexington, where she has hosts of friends whose interest and well wishes will always follow her. Mr. Wise is a stranger to Lexington, but those who know him attribute to him many excellent qualities. He is postmaster at Marianna, and also has mercantile interests at that place.

## Legal Advice For Drafted Men.

Governor Gardner has appointed Judge S. N. Wilson, Hon. J. P. Chian and Wm. Aull, Jr., as the legal advisory board to assist those who are registered for army service to answer the questions propounded by the War Department prior to classification in the service.

Mrs. D. T. Groves received a telegram Monday from her son, Lieut. W. L. Groves, O. R. C., that he had been transferred from Camp Funston to Camp Joseph E. Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida.

Toy wagons and sleds at John Morrison & Sons.

## Violin Solo.

An especially interesting feature of the Friday afternoon recital at the Edison Concert hall, 182 Peachtree, was a violin solo, Fritz Kreisler's "Liebesfreud," by Miss Emory Todhunter, of the Lanier university, in harmony with Richard Czerwonky's Edison record. Other much appreciated numbers were a violin and piano duet by the Misses Emory and Catherine Todhunter and a vocal selection by William J. Ormsby, of Headquarters company, 325th infantry, Camp Gordon.

Recitals are given at the Edison Concert hall every Friday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock, which are proving very entertaining.—The Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.

## Death of Mrs. Henry Gelzer, Jr.

Mrs. Henry Gelzer, Jr., died at her home in Marceline, Mo. Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Gelzer was 23 year old. She was married to Mr. Gelzer November 18, 1915. He with a son born Thanksgiving Day, survive her.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in Marceline.

Holiday goods at John Morrison & Sons.

Ewing Shouse of Coffeyville, Kansas, in spending a few days here with friends prior to enlisting in some branch of the military service.

## Association Elects Officers.

A meeting was held at the City Hall Tuesday night for the purpose of re-organizing and renaming the old Associated Charities Association. Both were accomplished without casualties. It is now the "Lexington Provident Association," and the officers are:

D. Warren Sherman, President.

Mrs. Thomas Fletcher, Vice-President.

Mrs. Felix G. Young, Secretary.

E. N. Hopkins, Treasurer.

## Christmas Savings.

Traders Bank has just distributed \$19,472.60—the Christmas savings of its customers. With the Government bond issues, Savings Clubs, Stamp Certificate promotions, Building & Loan Associations and other savings devices, the community is receiving good opportunities and good training in thrift habits. If the war should lead Americans into thriftier ways it would be no small recompense.

## Deputy Sheriff Joins The Flyers.

Deputy Sheriff John Toner has enlisted in the aviation corps of the United States army, and left Wednesday night for Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, to begin training.

Storage Batteries recharged or repaired at John Morrison & Sons.

## Births.

Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Bare, 1709 Main St., announce the birth of a son, Monday, December 9, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bourlier announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, December 9, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vocat announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, December 7, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hulver announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, December 7, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hord announce the birth of a son—Tell Daniel—Sunday, December 9, 1917.

## Joins Wireless Service.

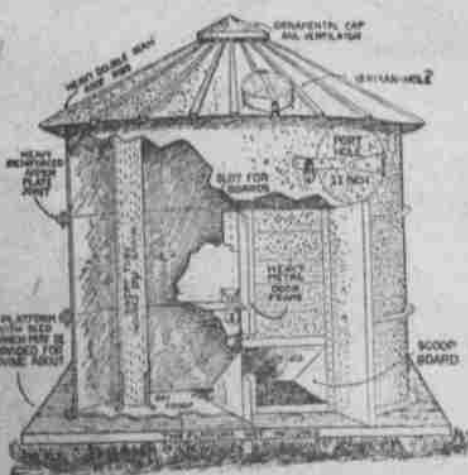
Leroy Glish has volunteered in the United States Radio Service. He will leave on the 27th of this month for the Great Lakes Training Station, and after a three months' course in the Radio school, he will be sent to Boston, Mass., for the finishing touches.

## Boys Join Signal Corps.

Richard M. Butler, Lewis R. Hollingsworth, George F. Young, Oliver L. Bryant, Leroy Buckner and Allen G. Clayton left yesterday morning for Jefferson Barracks to enlist in the Signal Corps.

## Death of Dr. Still.

Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, founder of the School of Osteopathy, died Wednesday morning at his home in Kirksville, Mo., in the 90th year of his age.



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## Exactly What the Famous Edison Tone Test Demonstrates

Picture a concert hall crowded with discriminating music lovers. On the stage stands a renowned Grand Opera Star: Ciccolini, for example. He begins to sing some famous aria. Through the vaulted interior peals a glorious tenor voice, brilliant, resonant, warmly dramatic, of splendid volume. The audience sits entranced. Suddenly a rustle of interest is felt. Each face betrays wonderment, astonishment, stupefaction.

What miracle is this! First one, then another has noted that the singer's lips have become motionless. And yet, clear and vibrant, fully sustained, the aria continues. Unquestionably Ciccolini is still singing. Not one shade of difference can be detected. But his lips have stopped moving. What is the explanation?

It is simple. In a sense the artist is still singing.

## The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph With a Soul"

which stands beside him is playing one of his own records. When he stopped the record continued. And so complete and perfect is the Re-Creation of the artist's voice that the listeners cannot credit the fact that he has ceased. This is our famous tone test which has been made by thirty different artists. This is this daring parallel, the searching trial which satisfies the most skeptic that Thomas A. Edison has evolved a new art; that in the New Edison he

has succeeded not merely in imitating, but in actually Re-Creating, the voice of the living artist.

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